

# ASPIRIOUS START FOR NEW LEAGUE

## Metropolitan Chess Players Struggle for Supremacy Far Into Night.

### KUPCHIK HAS SAFE LEAD IN TOURNEY

#### Has Lost No Games at Manhattan Club and Can Draw Remaining Games.

It was not until a late hour last night that the first round of the team match tournament under the auspices of the newly founded Metropolitan Chess League for possession of the trophy and the championship of the league was begun, and it was not expected that the results of all the six matches would be known until this morning. The twelve clubs began play according to the following schedule:

Brooklyn Chess Club vs. Queen's Gambit Association, at the rooms of the Brooklyn Chess Club, at Columbia University, at 10th St. and 11th St. Brooklyn Chess Club vs. Ocean Hill, at the Rice Chess Club, New York, Eastern District Chess Club vs. Washington Heights, at the rooms of the former, in Brooklyn; Manhattan Chess Club vs. Newark Rice Chess Club, at the rooms of the Manhattan Chess Club, North Jersey vs. Staten Island, at the rooms of the latter club, and Progressive Chess Club vs. Rice Chess Club, at the rooms of the former club, Lyceum Chess Club of Brooklyn a bye.

Owing to the keen rivalry between the Progressive and Rice chess clubs, and seeing that both of the other first class clubs, namely, the Manhattan and Brooklyn chess clubs, are pitted against minor combinations, this contest was looked upon as the most important in the opening round. The Progressive men consider themselves fortunate in having to play such first class encounters at home. The larger of the two clubrooms was assigned to the players only, while the spectators had to be satisfied in an adjoining room.

Each club affiliated with the league is represented by a team composed of eight men, and the winning club will receive a trophy, given by the league. The club which comes in second will receive a special prize, consisting of a chess table and men, given by Professor Isaac L. Rice.

The second round will be played in the following order next Saturday:

Brooklyn Chess Club vs. Washington Heights, at Brooklyn; Lyceum Chess Club vs. Columbia University, at Brooklyn; Rice Chess Club of Newark vs. Eastern District Association, at Newark; Manhattan Chess Club vs. Ocean Hill, at the Manhattan Chess Club; Queen's Gambit Association vs. Progressive Chess Club, at the rooms of the former; Rice Chess Club vs. Staten Island, at the Rice Chess Club, North Jersey a bye.

With eight games straight to his credit, A. Kupchik has a commanding position in the annual championship tournament of the Manhattan Chess Club, which is drawing to a close. He has yet to meet Clark, Rosenthal and Smith and can afford to draw all three games without losing his hold on first place. Rosenthal is already 1½ points down, and Smith, the champion, 2 points.

The scores to date follow:

Player	Won	Lost	Player	Won	Lost
A. Kupchik	8	0	J. L. Clark	2	2
M. Rosenthal	6	2	G. J. Rosenthal	2	2
P. P. Henson	5	3	O. Boettingh	2	2
E. E. Henson	4	4	W. M. P. M. Henson	2	2
G. E. Henson	4	4	L. Henson	2	2
D. G. P. Adams	4	4	W. Henson	2	2

At the annual meeting of the Manhattan Chess Club the following officers were elected:

Aristides Martinez, president; Walter J. Rosenthal, vice-president; James Davey, recording secretary; Lester Keene, corresponding secretary; Otis W. Field, treasurer; John L. Clark, W. M. de Visser, J. Oswald Jimenez, J. M. Lafferty, A. Landau and M. M. Miller, directors.

In the championship tournament of the Brooklyn Chess Club Roy T. Black leads M. Schroeder by 1 point. The second round is now well under way.

The scores to date follow:

Player	Won	Lost	Player	Won	Lost
R. T. Black	3	2	J. H. Taff	2	2
M. Schroeder	2	3	A. Farley	2	2
E. E. Henson	2	4	C. E. Henson	2	2
A. C. Cass	2	4	J. H. White	2	2

Fred W. C. Crane, of Lyons Farms, N. J., was re-elected president of the Rice Chess Club of Newark, at the annual meeting. Other officers elected were J. Charles Kelly, vice-president; Alexander M. Nichols, No. 313 Washington street, Newark, secretary; Frederic Giehrer, financial secretary; N. G. Price, treasurer; H. Frank Driscoll, team captain. The members meet for play at the headquarters of the club, No. 184 William street, Newark.

Following are the scores of two interesting games played recently by Capablanca in Europe:

QUEEN'S PAWN OPENING.			
White	Black	White	Black
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(a) A mistake, which gives White a chance to initiate a strong attack.

(b) Of very doubtful value, as it takes the knight out of play, and it takes three moves to bring the knight into action again.

(c) Risking everything on one card. He ought to have played R-K1 instead, threatening to bring the knight either to R4 or K4, after placing it on Q2.

(d) Here Q-K2 is R-K2; 20-Q-R3, R-K1; 21-R-K4, R-K1; 22-Q-K2, R-K1; 23-Q-K2, R-K1; 24-Q-K2, R-K1; 25-Q-K2, R-K1; 26-Q-K2, R-K1; 27-Q-K2, R-K1; 28-Q-K2, R-K1; 29-Q-K2, R-K1; 30-Q-K2, R-K1; 31-Q-K2, R-K1; 32-Q-K2, R-K1; 33-Q-K2, R-K1; 34-Q-K2, R-K1; 35-Q-K2, R-K1; 36-Q-K2, R-K1; 37-Q-K2, R-K1; 38-Q-K2, R-K1; 39-Q-K2, R-K1; 40-Q-K2, R-K1; 41-Q-K2, R-K1; 42-Q-K2, R-K1; 43-Q-K2, R-K1; 44-Q-K2, R-K1; 45-Q-K2, R-K1; 46-Q-K2, R-K1; 47-Q-K2, R-K1; 48-Q-K2, R-K1; 49-Q-K2, R-K1; 50-Q-K2, R-K1; 51-Q-K2, R-K1; 52-Q-K2, R-K1; 53-Q-K2, R-K1; 54-Q-K2, R-K1; 55-Q-K2, R-K1; 56-Q-K2, R-K1; 57-Q-K2, R-K1; 58-Q-K2, R-K1; 59-Q-K2, R-K1; 60-Q-K2, R-K1; 61-Q-K2, R-K1; 62-Q-K2, R-K1; 63-Q-K2, R-K1; 64-Q-K2, R-K1; 65-Q-K2, R-K1; 66-Q-K2, R-K1; 67-Q-K2, R-K1; 68-Q-K2, R-K1; 69-Q-K2, R-K1; 70-Q-K2, R-K1; 71-Q-K2, R-K1; 72-Q-K2, R-K1; 73-Q-K2, R-K1; 74-Q-K2, R-K1; 75-Q-K2, R-K1; 76-Q-K2, R-K1; 77-Q-K2, R-K1; 78-Q-K2, R-K1; 79-Q-K2, R-K1; 80-Q-K2, R-K1; 81-Q-K2, R-K1; 82-Q-K2, R-K1; 83-Q-K2, R-K1; 84-Q-K2, R-K1; 85-Q-K2, R-K1; 86-Q-K2, R-K1; 87-Q-K2, R-K1; 88-Q-K2, R-K1; 89-Q-K2, R-K1; 90-Q-K2, R-K1; 91-Q-K2, R-K1; 92-Q-K2, R-K1; 93-Q-K2, R-K1; 94-Q-K2, R-K1; 95-Q-K2, R-K1; 96-Q-K2, R-K1; 97-Q-K2, R-K1; 98-Q-K2, R-K1; 99-Q-K2, R-K1; 100-Q-K2, R-K1.

(e) Why not R-P2? He must have been under the impression that brute force only could save the game.

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# "Hurry Up" Yost Takes Up Cudgels for Open Football and Forward Pass

## Says It Is Possible to Score Touchdowns These Days Against a Strong Defence.

### Fielding H. "Hurry Up" Yost takes up the cudgels for the forward pass and the so-called Western or open style of football in the current number of "Collier's."

His article is full of interest for lovers of the gridiron, as he asserts boldly that in the game of to-day it is possible to score one or more touchdowns against a strong defence, Yale, Harvard and Princeton to the contrary notwithstanding, and that the forward pass has not had a fair trial in the East.

Yost says in part:

"In coaching, when I work back of a football eleven I like to see it move along, hurry up, get on the jump, and settle down to business.

"So, without wasting any preliminary time, I would like to make one statement early that is beyond any challenging—the open game, or Western game, in football—that is, the forward passing and running, as well as the kicking game—has come to stay, and the team which fails to take advantage of its many possibilities, as so many have in the East, will soon be left in the rut, forgotten among those who keep marching forward and who keep up to date.

"It is neither my business nor my intention to suggest to any Eastern football man how he should build up his system or run his team. But while I was in the East this fall watching Harvard play Yale and the Army meet the Navy I heard on so many sides and from so many standard sources that the open, or what has been called the Western, system of attack would be utterly useless against a standard Eastern defence that I feel the other side of the matter should be heard just a trifle more at length.

"And to any man who is unprejudiced I can prove my contention that we not only have a good game left, but a game in which it is possible to score one or more touchdowns against a very strong defence; also, my contention that it is only a question of time before the so-called open game will be as prevalent in the East as it now is in the West. I do not attempt to say which team, East or West, is strongest, but I do believe that any team would be a better team if it were developed to play what has become to be known as the open game along with its rushing game.

**Comparison with Old Game.**

"In the old game a team had to gain five yards in three downs—one and two-thirds yards to the down—and in the old game to make this distance you could push, pull or hike the runner along. Even then it was a battle.

"In the new game a team has to make ten yards in four downs, or two and one-half yards to the down; and while the distance to be gained is twice as much, almost, it must be made without pulling, pushing or hiking the runner, and with seven men on the line.

"Having to gain twice as much ground almost to the rush without being able to make up for this big loss. Just one thing the forward pass. And if the forward pass is impossible or useless, except as an exhibition of field goal kicking by one man. This is a contention that has been often made in the East, but a contention that nevertheless is absurd, as the fact that the forward pass is used in the East this fall shows.

"Yale hasn't scored a touchdown on Harvard in six years, nor on Princeton in three years. Harvard has failed to score a touchdown on Yale in five of her last six Yale games. The one touchdown that Princeton has scored on Yale in the last four years came from the recovery of a fumble by Sammy White, in 1911. This fall in the Harvard-Princeton game, Princeton, Harvard-Yale contests no touchdowns were scored, but nine field goals were kicked—six of the nine by Charley Brickley, of the Harvard team.

"In the face of these statistics," said an Eastern expert to me after the Harvard-Yale game, "don't you think it has been shown that the touchdown is obsolete; that it can't be scored except by a fluke?"

"I don't think so by any means. I saw the Yale-Harvard game, and that was enough to show me that nothing had been proved against the open game or the Western style, for this system had never drawn a chance. Harvard made little attempt to score a touchdown, being content to rely upon the unerring Brickley and to shoot punts over Wilson's head or out of his reach. Yale had little to score a touchdown with except an occasional strong running game that was not varied enough to be a puzzle and was accompanied by no up-to-date forward pass that might be of any avail whatever.

**Forward Pass in the West.**

"Out West we have been working on the open game and using the forward pass for some time. We were handicapped in team building at first as I said above, by numerous restrictions, but after we had become accustomed to these we soon saw that nothing was to be gained by sticking to the old rushing, piling-up order.

"It soon became evident to me that the forward pass, as used by so many leading teams, was of no use when thrown high like a punt. I soon saw that to be effective it had to be handled like a baseball, thrown sharply on a line to the runner moving at good speed, who had to handle it as a second baseman might handle a throw from Schanz or Archer.

"A forward pass that is thrown high in the air is absolutely worthless. When you feel that you could run down from the top of the stands and block one it is fairly certain that a man already on the field could block one even easier. I'll admit this forward pass is useless against any sort of defence, and yet this is the type of pass that has been judged so largely in the East.

"Now, the Army eleven has always been known for its wonderful defensive work—for its sharp, sure tackling and its general alertness on guard. Yale for years had found it almost impossible to penetrate this Army wall. Strong Navy eleven has failed to score a touchdown against it for years. And Army experts have told me often that a forward pass would be a joke if attempted against their team. This belief lasted until this last fall, when Notre Dame came along from the West with a real collection of forward passes—not the punt imitations that a child could stop, and one gray afternoon on the Hudson Docks and Eichenlaub and Rockwell of Notre Dame, shot so many forward passes against the Army's standard defence that the scorer became dizzy marking up touchdowns. Notre Dame started something like seventeen and something like fourteen landed safely, five scoring touchdowns for 35 points—the largest score ever made against an Army team in all history, if I remember correctly.

**Awakening to the East.**

"I rather think the East got its second awakening as to the value of the open game in the Army-Navy contest. The Navy came to New York a top heavy favorite. It had a veteran eleven back—a big, fast, powerful team, with a world of punch. Every one expected it to win again and to win easily, but by now the Army had found out the value of the forward pass worked the right way, and it had won its eleven three Western boys, Pritchard, Markoe and Merritt, from

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